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Copolymer Blends)



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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231
Attn. Asst. Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

The Examiner may wish to consider the following, with respect to the above-identified application. Documents (copies enclosed) are cited to the Patent Office in the attached modified form PTO-1449. As noted in a prior IDS filed in the parent application which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 5, 928,740, on February 20-21, 1996, 314 bags of a formulation similar to example 2 were tested by packaging double pork loins at a commercial meat packing facility on commercial equipment. These meat filled production sealed bags were examined for sealing problems, leakage and other defects and compared to commercially available bags and afterwards were transported for subsequent commercial use of the packaged meat. Also, the films identified in examples 2-3 were experimentally field tested under production conditions at a commercial meat packing facility on February 27 -28, 1996 by packaging beef short loins and ribs. 84 bags of the formulation of example 2 were tested. These bags were subsequently transported in commerce.

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Applicant requests that the art cited herein be made of record in the above-identified case.

Respectfully submitted,

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